

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 4 and 5 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An information storage apparatus, operated by electric power, for holding an information recording medium in a predetermined position and rotating the information recording medium in a predetermined direction to perform at least information reproduction with respect to the information recording medium, said information storage apparatus comprising:

a recognition section for recognizing whether or not said electric power is a power of a predetermined level or more; and

a decelerator for decelerating rotation of said information recording medium in a first deceleration mode which consumes a relatively large amount of power, or decelerating the rotation of said information recording medium in a second deceleration mode which consumes a relatively small amount of power, depending upon whether said recognition section recognizes that said electric power is the power of the predetermined level or more, or that said electric power is less than the predetermined level.

2. (Original) The information storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a driver for driving said information recording medium in said predetermined direction,

wherein said decelerator employs, as said second deceleration mode, a deceleration mode for stopping the driving by said driver to decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium.

3. (Original) The information storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a driver for driving said information recording medium in said predetermined direction; and

a brake for applying a brake force to said information recording medium to decelerate the rotation,

wherein said decelerator employs a deceleration mode for stopping the driving by said driver to decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium and subsequently operating said brake to further decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium as said second deceleration mode.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The information storage apparatus according to claim 1,~~ An information storage apparatus, operated by electric power, for holding an information recording medium in a predetermined position and rotating the information recording medium in a predetermined direction to perform at least information reproduction with respect to the information recording medium, said information storage apparatus comprising:

a recognition section for recognizing whether or not said electric power is a power of a predetermined level or more; and

a decelerator for decelerating rotation of said information recording medium in a first deceleration mode which consumes a relatively large amount of power, or decelerating the rotation of said information recording medium in a second deceleration mode which consumes a relatively small amount of power, depending upon whether said recognition section recognizes that said electric power is the power of the predetermined level or more, or that said electric power is less than the predetermined level,

further comprising a brake for applying a brake force to said information recording medium to decelerate the rotation,

wherein said decelerator employs, as said second deceleration mode, a deceleration mode for intermittently operating said brake to decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium.

5. (Currently Amended) The information storage apparatus according to ~~claim 1, further comprising a brake for applying a brake force to said information recording medium to decelerate the rotation,~~ claim 4,

~~wherein said decelerator employs a deceleration mode for intermittently operating said brake to decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium and~~ second deceleration mode subsequently continuously ~~operating~~ operates the brake to further

decelerate the rotation of the information recording ~~medium as said second deceleration mode.~~ medium, after intermittently operating said brake.

6. (Original) The information storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a driver for receiving a signal indicating a rotation speed, and driving the information recording medium in said predetermined direction in such a manner that said information recording medium rotates at the rotation speed indicated by the signal,

wherein said decelerator employs, as said second deceleration mode, a deceleration mode for inputting a signal indicating a rotation speed lower than the rotation speed of said information recording medium to said driver to decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium.

7. (Original) The information storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a driver for receiving a signal indicating a rotation speed, and driving the information recording medium in said predetermined direction in such a manner that said information recording medium rotates at the rotation speed indicated by the signal,

wherein said decelerator employs a deceleration mode for inputting a signal indicating a rotation speed lower than the rotation speed of said information recording medium to said driver to decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium and subsequently inputting a signal indicating a rotation speed further lower than the rotation

speed indicated by the signal to said driver to further decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium as said second deceleration mode.

8. (Original) The information storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a driver for receiving a signal indicating a rotation speed, and driving the information recording medium in said predetermined direction in such a manner that said information recording medium rotates at the rotation speed indicated by the signal; and

a brake for applying a brake force to said information recording medium to decelerate the rotation,

wherein said decelerator employs a deceleration mode for inputting a signal indicating a rotation speed lower than the rotation speed of said information recording medium to said driver to decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium and subsequently operating said brake to further decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium as said second deceleration mode.

9. (Previously Presented) An information storage apparatus for holding an information recording medium in a predetermined position and rotating the information recording medium in a predetermined direction to perform at least information reproduction with respect to the information recording medium, said information storage apparatus comprising:

a brake for applying a brake force to said information recording medium to decelerate rotation; and

an intermittent braking decelerator for intermittently operating said brake to decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium when a rotation speed of said medium exceeds a predetermined value;

wherein said intermittent braking decelerator intermittently operates said brake to decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium, and subsequently continuously operates said brake to further decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) An information storage apparatus for holding an information recording medium in a predetermined position and rotating the information recording medium in a predetermined direction to perform at least information reproduction with respect to the information recording medium, said information storage apparatus comprising:

a driver for receiving a signal indicating a rotation speed, and driving the information recording medium in said predetermined direction in such a manner that said information recording medium rotates at the rotation speed indicated by the signal;

a signal controlling decelerator for inputting a signal indicating a rotation speed lower than the rotation speed of said information recording medium to said driver to decelerate rotation of the information recording medium; and

a brake for applying a brake force to said information recording medium to decelerate the rotation;

wherein said signal controlling decelerator inputs the signal indicating the rotation speed lower than the rotation speed of said information recording medium to said driver to decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium, and subsequently operates said brake to further decelerate and stop the rotation of the information recording medium.

12. (Original) The information storage apparatus according to claim 11 wherein said signal controlling decelerator inputs the signal indicating the rotation speed lower than the rotation speed of said information recording medium to said driver to decelerate the rotation of the information recording medium, and subsequently inputs a signal indicating a rotation speed further lower than the rotation speed indicated by the signal to said driver to further decelerate the rotation of said information recording medium.

13. (Canceled)